

Meeting Notes
Yurok Environmental Monitoring Workgroup
Yurok Community Center, Weitchpec
Thursday, July 20, 2000

Participants: Kevin McKernan, Environmental Program Manager, with Yurok Tribe
Susan Burdick, Yurok Tribe
Lori Harder, Yurok Tribe
Ken Childs, Sr., Yurok Tribe
Jene McCovey, Yurok Tribe
LaVerne Glaze, Karuk Tribe
Renee Stauffer, Karuk Tribe
John Melvin, Yurok Tribe Environmental Program

Ex officio: Pam Wofford, Department of Pesticide Regulation
Dave Cavyell, Del Norte Agricultural Commissioner's Office
Jeff Dolf, Humboldt Agricultural Commissioner's Office
John Pricer, Simpson Timber Company

Jene requested the group produce a bibliography of materials generated by the group plus references directly applicable to the study. She would also like the group to outline the shortfalls we have experienced in the process of the study.

The possibility of well monitoring was discussed. **Lori** listed many of the community systems and areas where private wells are located. **Lori** mentioned that she is working on mapping the tribal water sources for CIBA. She also noted that Dept. of Health Services does do some monitoring on community water systems. **Kevin** mentioned that a consulting firm -Water Solutions- will be examining the community water wells for potential problems. They do not sample the water, but try to characterize the system and the conditions around the well.

Jene suggested we invite Ranjit Gill from the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board and Patty Clary to a meeting to provide information. It was agreed to invite Ranjit Gill to the next meeting, if possible. It was agreed not to invite Patty Clary.

Lori mentioned that Elizabeth Guillette from the Univ. of Arizona has been doing community health studies on small populations. It was suggested the tribe look into contacting her. The progress of the health survey that was produced earlier and has been submitted to the Yurok culture committee was not clear, so Kevin will check on its progress.

The fall aerial spray program for Simpson will start mid-September. The program is expected to cover 800 to 1000 acres, of which 300 acres are near Johnson Road in Humboldt County. The rest of the area is in the Terwer Creek watershed. The areas will be sprayed with 2,4-D and triclopyr. **John** will get a 1-page description to **Kevin** for distribution before the applications begin. The plant committee will meet before the spray program begins to determine if there may be possible sensitive sites in the areas that need to be sampled.

The next meeting is set for November 1, 2000 at the Yurok Community Center in Weitchpec from 10:00 – 3:00.